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The Moon bill has gone to keep
company with the Soper bill it
seems.

Col. A. J. Blackwell's madstone
should be applied to Senator Till-
man of South Carolina.

Congress is still in session not-
withstanding the absence from the
capital of at least one Indian Ter-
ritory official.

When an Arkansas convict ap-
plies to governor Jeff Davis for a
pardon the answer is, "show me
your ticket to Boston."

The hopes of the territory are
again shattered. Tams Bixby is
reconsidering his determination to
resign from the Dawes commis-
sion.

Oklahoma will get statehood
when the Indian territory does.
The lines of one great democratic
states will encircle both event-
ually.

Oklahoma City will hold a big
ratification meeting next Saturday,
May 17th, ratifying the democratic
nomination of Wm. M. Cross for
delegate to congress.

If this city is to keep pace with
the general progress of the coun-
try it will have to spend consider-
able money on the streets and
sidewalks without delay.

With the completion of the
work of the Dawes commission
and the closing of the Indian of-
fice the town of Muskogee will dis-
appear from the map.

It takes a deed to make title,
but the Cherokees have a patent
to their land that seems to be an
exception to the rule. The govern-
ment don't regard it as being a
good title.

Tams Bixby has decided not to
resign his place of chairman of the
Dawes commission. The rule ap-
plied to Funston and Miles don't
apply to members of the Dawes
commission.

Guy P. Cobb, the revenue in-
spector, reports prospects good
for a great wheat crop in the Cher-
okee country. Some of Guy's
friends declare he don't know
wheat from oats.

The general conference of the
Methodist church South in ses-
sion at Dallas, Texas, will elect
two bishops, and Dr. W. B. Pal-
more of St. Louis stands a good
show of being one of them.

One of the problems in the
northern district is why intoxi-
cants are sold openly in nearly
every town. At Muskogee this is
notoriously true, and in the very
shadow of a great federal court.

In the matter of the division of
the Northern Judicial district the
prevailing question is, "where are
we at?" When the provision be-
comes operative is apparently a
secret, known only to its authors.

B. C. Stretch made a business
trip out northwest in the neighbor-
hood of Eagle and Kinnison last
week and says crop prospects were
never better. The unusually large
acreage of corn is looking especial-
ly fine.

There is a feeling very manifest
in this town that the street work
now going on north of the Frisco
tracks is a misdirected effort. The
business streets of the town need
attention first, is the general
opinion expressed.

For parents to allow their child-
ren to drop out of school during
the closing weeks is a great mis-
take. There is a depletion in all
the schools of Vinita at this time
very much to the annoyance of
teachers and boards.

The recording business at Mus-
kogee will be a small affair here-
after. With the elimination of the
Cherokee country from Mus-
kogee territory the real business
of the recorder's office at that point
will be reduced to a minimum.

The wild, fantastic Kansas poli-
tician that blows hot and cold and
is for and against everybody, and
everything but himself is not to
be trusted in Washington. It were
better for himself and friends that
he "go way back and sit down."

Under the new court bill there
will be seven places of holding
court in the northern district, six
in the Cherokee nation and Miami
in the Quapaw reservation. Vinita,
Nowata, Claremore, Pryor Creek,
Tahlequah, Sallisaw and Miami.

News that is not printed while
it is news don't cut any ice in
Vinita. The study of ancient his-
tory does not interest the average
Vinitan. In order to be in the
front row the Daily Chieftain
gathers and prints the news each
day.

Senator Arthur of Kansas says
"many of the Indian territory al-
liens are equipped for service in
congress." That's no work, is it?
er, but the territory would be ex-
hausted with only one or two of its
own choice in congress just now.

It is a fact worthy of the atten-
tion of this town that our public
parks can easily be made the
most valuable assets of the place.
Of all the great parks of the large
cities not one can be purchased,
they are too valuable for money to
buy.

The statement of the First Na-
tional Bank published in another
column will be read with pleasure
by those interested in the advance-
ment of Vinita. It shows a pros-
perity and solidity, that reflects
the condition of the business com-
munity in which it exists.

There is no ground for fear on
the part of any citizen of Vinita
that the franchises of the town will
be fooled away. There was a time,
however, when such a dan-
ger may have menaced the town,
but all such danger disappeared
when the polls closed on last elec-
tion day.

The constantly expressed won-
der of visitors to Vinita is at the
wretched sidewalks. There is no
good reason for the continuance
of the narrow, rickety and, in
some places dangerous sidewalks
of the town. One of the things
most needed here is better side
walks.

A great deal is being said about
the resignation of Tams Bixby. It
is so unusual for a republican to
resign a good office that the world
stands aghast. This is said to be
the year of the seventeen year lo-
custs, and they will return many
times before another republican
resigns.

"The Love of Pat Finley" is the
title of a new story written for the
New York Evening Post by John
M. Oakison. As John is a Vinita
boy interest will be taken by
Vinita people in his success. The
story is a romance of cowboy life
in the Indian territory in the
early days.

It is earnestly hoped the Hitch-
cock bill providing for allotment
of the lands of the Cherokee na-
tion will pass at the present
session of congress. The enactment
into law of that measure would
greatly facilitate the work of
winding up the tribal affairs of the
Cherokee nation.

It now begins to look like the
Indian territory would get no
settled government until state-
hood comes—statehood with Okla-
homa. The dominant idea in
Washington is that it is useless to
establish a territorial government
for only a year or two as state-
hood must ultimately come.

As the close of the present ses-
sion of congress draws nigh it is
more and more apparent that the
Indian territory will have to wait
another year for organized govern-
ment. It now seems probable
that statehood with Oklahoma will
finally be agreed on and that the
Moon bill will not be enacted.

President Roosevelt is not the
kind of man to be intimidated by
threats that his political fortune
will be injured by taking a stand
against the trusts. The law should
be enforced, and if the president
has his way it will be enforced,
not only against the trusts but all
other violators of the laws of the
country.

If the present season proves, as
it now seems to promise so well, a
good crop year there will be more
produced from the farms of this
section than ever before in the
history of the country. There is
a far greater acreage in corn and
other leading crops than ever be-
fore, and the hay prospect was
never finer at the middle of May.

If only these oil and mineral
leases which have complied with
the Cherokee law under which
they were granted are sustained by
the Secretary of the interior
the tribe is not injured in the
least. Not one of them has com-
plied with the terms of the lease
and not one of them has produced
oil or mineral in paying quanti-
ties.

W. H. Darrrough, the candidate
for marshal of the northern dis-
trict, providing the judicial dis-
trict is changed, is rather daring,
but courageous to declare in favor
of home rule. We know him and
no better selection could be made,
and we hope he may succeed, and
if he does we will have a capable
man and a fighter on our side for
justice and good government—
Dewey Globe.

ANOTHER BARGAIN EVENT

AT THE

Badgett - Sanders Mercantile Company's Big Store

Saturday, May 17th, we will begin a seven day special sale of all the odd lots of merchandise in our store, closing Saturday, May 24th. During this time we will offer our customers the best values in clothing, hats, furnishings, shoes, dry goods and millinery in Vinita

We have gone through the different departments of our big store and selected all the odd lots and short lengths in each department. It is our aim to close out every odd lot of merchandise that we have. In order to do this we know we must sell cheap—that is what we are doing, selling cheap. It is a great opportunity to buy good merchandise much under value. Especially is this true of our odd lots of men's and boys' clothing. We have a large number of suits, one to three of a kind, which we have taken out of our regular stock and marked them down to half their real value, and in many instances to less than half. In pricing our suits for this odd lot sale we have taken no account of original cost; we want to sell them, and we know that to do so quick we must not consider cost. We will expect every man in this vicinity to visit our store during this sale, as it will be greatly to their interest to do so.

CLOTHING BARGAINS FOR MEN AND BOYS



Lot 1—Men's suits, your choice of lot, \$1.68.
Lot 2—Men's worsted suits, regular \$3 and \$3.50 suits, choice of this lot for \$2.19.
Lot 3—Men's worsteds and cheviot suits, regular 4.00 and \$4.50 sellers, your choice of this lot for \$2.58.
Lot 4—Men's worsteds and cheviot suits, regular 5.00 and 7.00, a big bargain for 3.89.
Lot 5—Men's cassimers, worsteds and cheviots, regular 7.50 to 8.50 sellers, your choice of this lot for 5.58.
Lot 6—Men's cassimers, worsteds and cheviot, strictly all wool goods, Have been good for 10.00 per suit, your choice at 7.50.



Lot 7—Strictly fine goods and tailor-made, worth 12.50 per suit, your choice of this lot for 9.35.
Lot 8—Men's fine all wool and worsted suits, Oregon City cassimers and Schloss Bros fine tailor-made suits, worth 15.00 to 17.50 per suit, your choice of this lot for 11.55.
Boys long pant suits, worth 2.50 per suit, odd lot, price 1.69 per suit.
Boy's black cheviot suit, size 15 to 19, worth 3.50 per suit, your choice of this lot for 2.29 per suit.
Boys knee pant suits, two pieces, 7 to 15 years, odd lot, price per suit, 49c.
Boy's knee pant suits, fancy worsteds, 8 to 15, odd lot, price per suit, 1.39.
Small boys fancy worsted suit, 3 pieces, size 3 to 7 years, odd lot, price 89c per suit.
Odd lot of cheviot and worsted pants for men, that sell for 1.25 to 2.00 per pair, your choice of this lot for 89c.
Odd lot of men's cassimers, worsteds and cheviot pants, worth 1.75 to 2.50, your choice of this lot for 1.29.
Men's pants, cassimers and worsteds, good goods and well worth 2.50 to 3.00, your choice of this lot for 1.89.
Odd lot boys long pants; they would be cheap at 1.00, your choice of this lot at 59c per pair.
Odd lot of boys knee pants, per pair, 9c.
Odd lot boys knee pants, per pair 18c. These are big sellers at 25c per pair.

Men's and Boy's Shoes.

Have you big feet? If so, we have a bargain for you in Creole shoes. We have them in 9s, 10s and 11s, worth 1.50 per pair. You get them for 89c per pair.



Men's Dixie Ties, 8 to 11, worth 1.25, odd lots, price per pair, 89c.
Same in boys for 79c per pair.
Men's vici bals, cap toe, an odd lot of them to close out at 98c.
Men's satin calf shoes, odd lot of them, to close at 98c.
Boy's satin calf bals, 9 to 12, odd lot of them to close at 79c.

Men's Furnishings.

We have more nobby styles of shirts, neckwear, underwear and hosiery than any store in this country. We bought right. If you will look over our stock we will convince you that we sell right.
Men's laundered shirts, big value, odd lot of them, to close at 25c.
Big lot Tuck shirts, worth 35 to 40c each, your choice of the lot for 19c.
Good balbriggan underwear, worth 70c per suit, odd lot, price per suit, 48c.
Good serviceable seamless socks, price, per pair, 4c.

EXTRA VALUES DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

All short lengths, remnants and odd lots in this department must be sold. We are making our prices low enough during this sale to move them.

Wool Skirt Bargains.

One lot of skirts, worth 1.25, odd lot sale price 89c.
One lot extra size black cheviot skirts, worth 4.00, our sale price is 2.98.

We are making a big reduction in fine skirts; ask to see them.
Muslin Underwear. — We are right on any item in the line.
Corset covers 25c, 48c.
Ladies' drawers, 29c, 48c and 72c.
Gowns 49c, 72c and 1.25.
These are much below their real value.



Shirt Waists.

Here is a shirt waist bargain, better than you have ever seen them. Stylish, new goods.
50 waists, manufacturers spring samples, worth 50c to 2.50. Your choice of the lot at half price.



THE FAMOUS
SHOE FOR WOMEN
any style, any size, \$3.00
THE BEST SHOE MADE FOR WOMEN.

More Shoe Bargains.

Ladies, Misses and Children.

100 pair shoes and oxfords, sold formerly from 1.50 to 2.50, all sizes, choice of lot at 69c.
One lot misses shoes, tan with vesting tops, worth from 1.25 to 2.00, your choice for 98c.
One lot of ladies fine turn sole tans, worth 3.50 and 4.00, your choice of this lot for 1.98

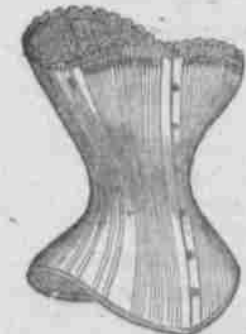
Everything in Up-to-Date Shoes for Summer Wear.

Wash Dress Goods.

Challies and lawns, 3 to 10 yard lengths, per yd, 34c.
Dimities, batistes, lawns and gingham, worth 12 1/2 to 15c per yard, 3 to 10 yd lengths, just right for waists and dresses, price, per yard, 6c.
A lot of fine lawns, dimities, dotted swisses, batistes and organdies, 15 to 20c values. They are the bargain of the season. Your choice of the lot, 2 to 10 yards limit, per yard, 8c.

Cut in Corset Prices.

Girdles, Straight front and regular forms—at lowest prices.
Medium weight for summer wear 19c each.
Odd lots 75c and \$1 corsets, your choice of the lot at 49c.
Odd lot G. D. corsets, the kind that sells for 1.00, girdle and straight front, your choice for 79c each.
When you want a first-class corset—one in which the steels will not rust—buy a Warner's rust proof corset, they are the best obtainable.



Parasols, Fans, Belts

We have about fifty styles of sample parasols, worth from 25c to 4.00, cut the price in half.
We have a big line of sample fans, worth from 5c to 1.75; your choice of the lot at half price.
Manufacturer's samples of ladies' belts worth from 15c to 1.25; we are selling them at half price.

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The Good Goods Store

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